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Shop Georgia! March 29-30

ATLANTA – Georgia shoppers will get a reprieve from paying state and local sales tax on certain purchases during the state's first Shop Georgia! holiday March 29 and 30.

"Shop Georgia! will allow shoppers to save money on clothing purchases and it will put computers into more Georgia homes," said Georgia Revenue Commissioner T. Jerry Jackson.

During the 48-hour period, sales tax will not be collected on certain clothing, footwear, school supplies and computer purchases.

"However, there are some limitations that shoppers and retailers must be aware of," warned the Commissioner.

"Tax-free computer purchases must include a base unit, which is either a desktop, tower or laptop," explained the Commissioner.

Shoppers can purchase up to \$1,500 in computer hardware and accessories during the holiday period provided the transaction includes a base unit. Consumers whose purchase exceeds \$1,500 will have to pay sales tax on the exceeding amount.

Computer hardware, accessories, software and similar items bought without a base unit will be taxed at the normal rate.

Single items of clothing and footwear cannot exceed \$100 per item to meet the tax-free criteria.

"There is no limit on how much an individual spends but no item can exceed \$100," said Commissioner Jackson.

School supplies have a \$20 maximum per item. Like clothing, there is no limit on how many items are purchased tax-free.

The Shop Georgia! weekend begins at 12:01 a.m. March 29 and continues until midnight March 30.

The tax-free period is part of Governor Barnes' and the Georgia legislature's efforts to stimulate Georgia's economy.

Another Shop Georgia! holiday is set for August 2-3 to coincide with back-to-school shopping.

The sales tax exemption is intended only for individuals and their personal use. It does not apply to purchases made by a business, to items leased or rented, or items sold at sports facilities, theme parks, restaurants, public lodging establishments and airports.

Additional information can be obtained from the Department of Revenue's regional offices or toll-free at 1-888-353-4595. Commissioner Jackson encourages retailers and consumers desiring a comprehensive list of exempt items and more information about the sales tax holiday or the DOR regional office locations to visit the Department's web site at www.gatax.org.

The list of exempt items is also available via the Department's Fax-On-Demand at 404-417-6011. The list is item 516.

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Editors: If you have questions or desire more information the office managers at our Regional Offices are ready to assist.

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